

news bites

Lobster season opens

THE new season for the Victorian southern rock lobster fishery opened for both commercial and recreational anglers last week. The recreational bag limit remains at two rock lobsters a day, and the minimum legal size also remains unchanged at 10.5cm and 11cm carapace length for females and males respectively.

Frames required

FISHERIES Victoria wants donations of dusky flathead fish frames from anglers who fish the Mallacoota estuary. The fish frames – the remaining skeleton after fillets are removed – are needed by Fisheries Victoria scientists, who are trying to better understand and manage dusky flathead stocks. Senior Fisheries officer David Bull said information collected would help officers learn about size composition of recreational catches. For details phone Mr Bull on 5161 9520 or Matt Ward on 5258 0227.

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Saturday	
Low height	High height
04:35 0.39	11:00 0.83
17:39 0.31	24:00 0.71
Sunday	
05:28 0.45	11:42 0.81
18:37 0.28	

Safety the key to boating

Angling | Alison Wastie, Marine Safety Victoria

WITH the peak boating season approaching, Marine Safety Victoria would like to remind boaties to be conscious of their safety on the water.

Many boats are likely to have been in storage over winter, so it is vital a thorough maintenance check is carried out before heading onto the water.

Check your hull for cracks or leaks, ensure your motor has been serviced, battery charged and that you are not carrying stale fuel.

Make sure you have the necessary safety equipment on board, including but not limited to, life jackets, flares, a waterproof buoyant torch, a registered 406MHz radio beacon, mobile phone and/or a marine radio (VHF or 27MHz) and reflective tape that can be used on life jackets and other boating equipment.

One of the best things you can do is make yourself easy to track:

TELL someone where you are going and when you will be back;

REGISTER your EPIRB, or emergency beacon;

ALWAYS wear your life-jacket;

CHECK that your safety equipment is in good condition; and

KNOW how to attract attention.

Remember, you are responsible for your safety when on the water.

To learn more about safe vessel operation you can visit marinesafety.vic.gov.au.

Marine Safety Victoria will hold safety seminars in coming months. Details: marinesafety.vic.gov.au or phone 9095 4452.



REEL FUN: Fisherman Alf Decarlo casts a line at the Patterson River mouth. Picture: CHRIS EASTMAN. N19MCFISHING



GEAR

Vacuum Base knife sharpener

Ideal for the boat or home, it sticks to any surface, then it's a matter of gently pulling the knife blade through the grooves for a wickedly sharp blade. RRP \$19.99



HOOK

Shogun Mutsu Light Circle

To best use these hooks, when you get a bite don't strike – just let the fish turn away with the bait for a perfect corner-of-the-jaw hook-up. RRP \$4.99.

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A Centre can:

- Provide you with information on local aged & community care services available to suit your needs
- Arrange help for carers to take a break from their caring role (respite)

To contact your local Centre call Freecall™ 1800 052 222*

To find your nearest shopfront visit www.commcarelink.health.gov.au

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For family carer support and counselling you can contact your state or territory Carers Association on 1800 242 636*



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing



* Calls from mobile phones are charged at applicable rates

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What's on

Amazing creations

Sculptors from around the world will join their Aussie workmates to carve the sand to life as Sand Sculpting Australia – Frankston Waterfront 2009-2010 presents Great Moments in History from December 26 to April 25 at Frankston Waterfront, Nepean Highway. Details: 5986 6684.

Volleyball party

Join Cystic Fibrosis sports ambassadors Daryl Corletto (Melbourne Tigers) and Julie Prendergast (Melbourne Vixens) for a Beach Volleyball Party on November 29, 8am-3pm at South Melbourne Beach opposite the Beach Hotel. Registrations: vicbeach.com.au.

Curtain call

Aspect theatre company is holding an information session for its production of Cabaret next year on December 6, 2pm at Aspendale Gardens Community Centre. Details: Chris Egan, 9580 8415.

Nativity photos

Put your family in the picture with a free Christmas nativity photo organised by St Andrews Uniting Church on December 5, 10am-2pm at The Strand in Chelsea.

Christmas countdown

Edithvale Uniting Church's four-week Christmas countdown program offering snacks, games, music and lots of festive craft has begun, 3.45pm, cnr Edithvale and Clydebank roads, Edithvale. Cost: \$7. Bookings: 9772 8389 or 9772 6055.

Car boot sale

A car boot sale for Bonbeach Residential Care featuring trash and treasure, a sausage sizzle, entertainment and more is on November 28, 9am-2pm at 440 Station St

in Bonbeach. Car spots with BYO table cost \$15 each. For more information phone: 9772 7477.

Retired?

Chelsea Bayside Mixed Probus Club invites you to its friendly group offering regular day tours and more meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at the LF Payne Hall, Station St in Chelsea. Details: Judith, 9773 2261.

Do-it-yourself

Bunnings Warehouse Mentone will host a DIY workshop for children to make special gifts, decorations and cards on December 5-6, from 10.30am. Details: 9583 1355.

Life's a drama

Aspendale Gardens Community Centre will host a three-day drama workshop for secondary students from January 20-22. Cost is \$75. Bookings: 9587 5955.

Right stuff

Kingston for Human Rights will celebrate the 61st anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with guest speaker author Jennifer Zeng on December 10, 7.30pm at the Oakleigh room at Kingston Council's offices, 1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham.

Playgroup

A parenting playgroup meets for families wanting a support network for forms of gentle, natural parenting and green living practices. Details: Julie, 9776 4683.

Gentle exercise

A movement to music class followed by light refreshments is on Fridays, 11am-noon at Chelsea RSL, Thames Promenade. Details: Stella, 9580 8595.

To list your community events or see what's on, go to mordiallocchelsealeader.com.au